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SUBJ: FBIS REPORT OF ALLEGED WILLIAMS' STATEMENT

REF: STATE 152214

1. TRINIDAD GUARDIAN (ONLY), GOTT SLANTED DAILY, PUBLISHED FRONT PAGE STORY JULY 31 WITH HEADLINE "NUCLEAR TESTS IN CARIBBEAN?" AND SUBHEADLINE "PM CHIDES US FOR REFUSAL TO ENDORSE MEXICO TREATY". SPEAKING TO POLITICAL RALLY IN TOBAGO OF RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL MOVEMENT, PM QUOTED AS SAYING WITH REFERENCE TO FRENCH NUCLEAR TESTS, "LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC. I WONDER WHEN IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IN THE CARIBBEAN." WILLIAMS REPORTEDLY CITED U.S. REFUSAL TO ENDORSE LATIN AMERICA NUCLEAR-FREE ZONE TREATY FOR PUERTO RICO AND U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS AS EXAMPLE OF MODERN COLONIALISM IN CARIBBEAN.

2. COMMENT: ITEM QUOTED REFTEL ALMOST SURELY BASED, INACCURATELY, ON GUARDIAN REPORT. PM'S OFFICE ADVISES HE SPOKE WITHOUT PREPARED TEXT AND NO COPIES OF SPEECH WILL BE CONFIDENTIAL

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AVAILABLE.

DRAMATIC BUT MEANINGLESS BLAST BY WILLIAMS IS BUT CONTINUATION
OF HIS RECENTLY REKINDLED PREDILECTION OF CRITICIZING
WHAT HE CONSIDERS AS COLONIAL U.S. PRESENCE IN PUERTO RICO AND
U.S. VIRGINS. RECENT MOVES TOWARD (COMMONWEALTH) CARIBBEAN
COMMUNITY AND COMMON MARKET HAVE REFOCUSED HIS ATTENTION ON
HISTORICAL DEVELOPMENT OF CARIBBEAN AS A WHOLE, ON WHICH HIS
VIEWS HAVE BEEN CONSISTENT FOR MANY YEARS.
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